

***** MEDIA ADVISORY *****

WHO: Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6)

WHAT: Navy Medal Presentation to Dale M. Dickerson

DATE: October 18, 2008

TIME: 5 p.m.

WHERE: Veterans Memorial in Tracy Park
9th & Chillicothe Streets
Portsmouth, OH

At 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2008 Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) will proudly present the Navy Expeditionary Medal to Mr. Dale M. Dickerson in Portsmouth.

Mr. Dickerson served as a Petty Officer 2nd Class aboard the USS Shreveport (LPD12) from March 1980 to July 1983. His ship was part of the Task Force in Lebanon in 1980. While serving on the Shreveport, his commanding officer recommended that Dickerson receive the Navy honor, but by the time the Department of Navy approved the medal, Mr. Dickerson was serving his last 30 days in the Navy on leave. He was never told he had been awarded the medals. A few years ago, he discovered he had been approved for this medal and three service ribbons. Congressman Wilson's office assisted with the red tape and helped Mr. Dickerson receive the awards he earned 2 decades ago.

The Navy Expeditionary Medal is awarded to any Navy personnel who have operated in foreign

territory to engage in operations which have been deemed to merit special recognition and for which no other campaign medal has been awarded.